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Extending the period of repayment of agricultural loans.

* 261 *Q*.—SRI B. LAKSHMINARASA RAJU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) why the Government extended the period of repayment of agricultural loans given for cyclone relief to certain villages in West Godavari district from 5 years to 10 years; and

(*b*) whether the Government propose to extend the concession to other villages in the district also affected by failure of crops and fall in prices this year?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—
"(*a*) No such orders have been issued by the Government.
"(*b*) Does not arise."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI:—"Sir, I have to make a request. This question has been put by a Member who does not know English and he wants to put supplementary questions. But the answer has been given in English. For his benefit and for the benefit of other hon. Members, the answer has to be translated into Telugu."

MR. SPEAKER:—"I have no objection if some hon. Member translates."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI:—"(*a*) తుపానువల్ల నష్టపడిన వ్యవసాయదారుల కిచ్చిన అప్పులను తిర్చు గడువు పొడిగింపు విషయములో ప్రభుత్వమువారు ఎటువంటి ఉత్తరువులు జారీచేయలేదు.

"(*b*) పైకారణమువల్ల ఈ ప్రశ్నకు తావు లేదు."

SRI C. V. K. RAO:—"What is the amount of the loans granted and how many people were granted these?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"The question is about extension of time for the repayment of agricultural loans. I cannot give offhand the amount, etc."

SRI B. LAKSHMINARASA RAJU:—"నర్సాపురం తాలూకాలో కొన్ని గ్రామాలలో అలాంటి సదుపాయాలు చేశారు. అలాగే మిగతా గ్రామాలలో కూడా అట్టి సదుపాయాలు చేస్తారా?"

SRI T. NAGI REDDI:—"In Narasapur taluk, a few villages have been given extension of time. The hon. Member wants to know whether the benefit will be extended to other villages in the district."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"I do not know whether Narasapur taluk is in West Godavari district.

"No order extending the period of repayment of loans has been issued. Therefore, the question of extending the benefit does not arise."

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SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" May I tell the Hon. the Revenue Minister that he has given one of the most enlightening answers in saying that he does not know whether Narasapur taluk is in West Godavari district? "

House allowance to municipal staff.

* 262 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether there is a Government order stating that the menial staff working in municipalities cannot be given housing allowance?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Yes. The Municipal Councils of Madurai, Tirupati and Tuticorin have been permitted as a special case to grant house-rent allowance to their conservancy menials."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Is there any proposal before the Government to cancel the Government Order in question and give house-rent allowance to the menial staff working in municipalities? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" There is no such proposal at present."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" What are the special conditions existing in Tirupati and other places where the Government have permitted the grant of house-rent allowance? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The municipal councils concerned gave the reasons and asked for permission to pay the allowance, and the Government permitted them."

SRI V. V. RAMASAMI :—" If other municipal councils ask for permission to grant house-rent allowance to their menial staff, will the Government give them permission? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" If any request comes from any municipal council, it will be considered on individual merits."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" May I know whether house-rent allowance will be given only to officials including Ministers and not to menials? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The main question is about the grant of house-rent allowance to the menial staff of municipalities."

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Menials such as sweepers, scavengers, washermen, gardeners, etc., are paid from contingencies on the basis of market rates. Incremental scales of pay are not allowed to them."